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### Rep. DelGobbo Proposes Bill to Implement State Spending Cap



#### *Would Force Legislature to Adhere to the Wishes of the People*

NAUGATUCK—State Representative Kevin M. DelGobbo (R-70<sup>th</sup>, Naugatuck) today proposed a bill formally adopting the constitutional state spending cap approved by more than 80 percent of Connecticut voters in 1992 but never implemented by the legislature.

“The majority legislators are already talking about a number of proposals to violate the spending cap,” said Rep. DelGobbo. “I propose that we follow the wishes of the people and implement the spending cap immediately.”

He added, “Currently, the legislature is able to change the spending cap at will. This is not what the voters wanted. They voted to include the spending cap in the state constitution permanently.”

Rep. DelGobbo said the issue is even more critical this year, with a looming budget gap of more than \$1 billion and repeated majority party proposals to exceed the spending cap.

**“It’s amazing to me that their solution to a sinking ship is to blow another hole in it,” said Rep. DelGobbo. “Instead, we should live within our means and protect the citizens from more job-destroying tax increases.”**

Under the constitutional cap, state spending could increase no more than the growth in state personal income or the rate of inflation, whichever is higher. Rep. DelGobbo proposes to implement the spending cap approved by a voter referendum November 3, 1992, as a provision of the constitution as the voters had directed.